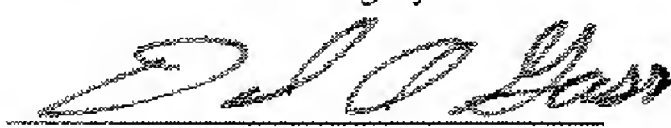


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Dear Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the attorney named below be advised of the status of the above-identified application. The application has been pending for almost two years entitling it to special dispatch for examination. Please advise us of when we might expect to receive an Office Action from the Patent and Trademark Office.

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